



FARM FORWARD Young Livestock Producers Day Saturday, November 7, 2026

START	END	SPEAKER	DESCRIPTION
8:30am	9:00am		BREAKFAST: Tea, coffee, muffins and cheese
9:00am	9:05am	Host: Donovan Workun	Welcome - Establish the intention for the day
9:05am	9:10am	Leah Jones	Greetings from Farmfair International Director - why we created this event for young livestock producers
9:10am	9:20am	Donovan Workun	Ice breaker - Ag version to facilitate connections
9:20am	9:50am	Dr. Brenda Ralston	From Stress to Success: On-farm research on strategies, pharmaceuticals and tools to minimize animal illness and performance impacts
9:50am	10:05	Dr. Susan Markus	Don't Throw Your Profits out with the Pasture Water: Poor water quality can impact cattle health. Gain insight into evaluating water sources and testers.
10:05am	10:35am	Brett Gardiner	Growing Through It: Powerful ways to build mental resilience in a challenging and ever-changing agricultural world from a world-class announcer
10:35am	10:45am		10 MINUTE BREAK
10:45am	11:15am	BJ Fuchs	Built by Ranchers, Powered by Tech – Capitalizing on Opportunity: Learn to view your farm as a dynamic asset while pioneering fresh, practical ideas
11:15am	11:45am	Josie Pashulka	Better Calves by Design: Using A.I. to Build a More Profitable Herd. Boost reproductive efficiency through proper artificial insemination
11:45am	12:45pm	Dr. Susan Markus Aidan Nicholson Chase Gitzel Veterinarian	"Ask An Expert" Speed Mentoring Session with an agriculture lawyer, an Ag tax planner, a veterinarian and an expert in tech tools for livestock producers. Ask an expensive question and get a free answer from an expert who knows their stuff!
12:45pm	1:45pm		LUNCH: 60 Minute Break with a delicious hot meal featuring beef
1:45pm	2:00pm	Donovan Workun	Welcome back - "Ask an Expert" share what you learned
2:00pm	2:30pm	Joshua Day Chief	Improving Forage Quality & Getting More From Every Acre: The biology of the soil affects nutrient efficiency, stand longevity and feed quality. Learn more.
2:30pm	3:00pm	Dana Parker	Practical Tools for Better Decisions: How to evaluate agriculture research and confidently apply it to your own livestock operation
3:00pm	3:10pm		10 MINUTE BREAK
3:10pm	3:40pm	Host: Donovan Workun	What would you do? Farm Decision Challenge: Work through real-life, on-farm situations and learn the best way to arrive at a solution.
3:40pm	4:10pm	Dr. Edward Bork	Pasture and Woodland Selection to Optimize Beef Cattle Production: Findings on the effects of weather on cattle habitat selection and profitability
4:10pm	4:15pm	Lori Wheeler	Wrap-Up
4:15pm	6:00pm	ALL	Watch the best cattle in Western Canada take to the show ring for the prestigious beef breed shows.